# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
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SUICIDE CASES IN PMF
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether cases of Suicides are increasing in Para Military Forces (PMF);

(b) if so, the total number of such cases reported by the Government during each of the last three years till date force-wise, rank-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any investigation in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has any proposal to provide special package/ financial assistance to those jawans deputed in stressfull conditions at sensitive places in the country including North East Region;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to check such cases in future?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): Force-wise details given in the following table do not indicate increasing tendency in suicide cases except in CRPF:-

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Force Suicide Cases during 2005-08 (till date)
 2005 2006 2007 2008 (till date)
ITBP 2 5 4 -
BSF 31 37 35 7
ARs 16 18 13 1
CISF 13 8 11 1
NSG - - - -
CRPF 19 30 46 14
SSB 6 6 6 -
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GOs     - Nil
NGOs  - 329
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(c) & (d): Investigations indicate that family and domestic reasons are main causes of such incidents. However, other reasons that build stress include deployment of the forces in difficult and isolated areas, long and strenuous duty hours, high mobility, constant threat to life and prolonged separation from families.

(e) & (f): PMF personnel posted in remote locality, high altitude, North East Region etc. get Remote Locality Allowance, Special Duty Allowance for the North East, Hill Compensatory Allowance, Detachment Allowance, Special Compensatory Allowance, High Altitude Allowance, etc.

(g): Some of the steps taken to reduce stress level among PMF personnel, enable them to attend to personal problems and increase their satisfaction level, are - focus on more family, and separated family accommodation; basic amenities/facilities for the troops and their families; telephone facilities to troops on the border where feasible; transparent leave policy; regular i nteraction, both formal and informal with the officers; Yoga classes for better stress management; recreational and sports facilities; revamping of grievances redressal machinery; introduction of Composite Hospitals with specialized facilities; Central Police Canteen facilities for all the serving and ex-CPMF personnel and constitution of Welfare and Rehabilitation Board to look into the welfare and rehabilitation requirements of 'Next of Kins' and ex -CPMF personnel.